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TALMAGE'S SERMON.

the Corn.

The Old-Time Husking Bees-The Husk Typical of the Human Body-Both Cover Good Ears and Worthless Nubbins.

Rev. T. De Witt Talmage presents the ollowing seasonable sermon, basing it upon the text:

As a shock of corn cometh in in his season-

Going at the rate of 40 miles an hour few days ago I caught this sermon. If you have recently been in the fields of Pennsylvania, or New Jersey, or New York, or New England, or any of he country districts, you know that he corn is nearly all cut. The sharp cuife struck through the stalks and left them all along the fields until a man came with a bundle of straw and twisted a few of these wisps of straw into a band, and then gathering up as nuch of the corn as he could compass with his arms, he bound it with this wisp of straw, and then stood it in the field in what is called a shock.

It is estimated that there are now several billion bushels of corn standing in the shock, waiting to be husked. Semetime during the latter part of next month, the farmers will gather, one day on one farm, another day on another farm, and they will put on their rough husking apron, and they will take the husking peg, which is a piece of iron with a leather loop fastened to the hand, and with it unsheath the corn from the husk and toss it into the golden heap. Then the wagons will come along and take it to the corn

were born in the country comes the reyear. It was called a frolic. The part and that is the way He has ar- race may go in. Banking Business trees having for the most part ranged that the body and soul shall "But," says some one, "do you really shed their foliage, the farmers waded separate. You can afford to have your think I would be at home in that suing their arms around their body to the shackle must be broken. Some The man whom he was talking with

and repartee and rustic salutation mortality from the immortality. abounded. All ready, now! The men | There ought to be great consolation take hold the shock of corn and hurl it in this for all who have chronic allprostrate, while the moles and mice ments, since the Lord is gradually and which have secreted themselves there more mildiy taking away from you Great difference in education, great for warmth attempt escape. The that which hinders your soul's liberawithe of straw is unwound from the tion, doing gradually for you what for corn shock, and the stalks, heavy with | many of us in robust health, perhaps, the wealth of grain, are rolled into two He will do in one fell blow at the last. bundles, between which the husker At the close of every illness, at the sits down. The husking peg is thrust close of every paroxysm you ought to in until it strikes the corn, and then say: "Thank God, that is all past now; the fingers rip off the sheathing of the | thank God, I will never have to suffer ear, and there is a crack as the root of that again; thank God, I am so much the corn is snapped off from the husk, nearer the hour of liberation." You and the grain, disimprisoned, is hurled | will never suffer the same pain twice.

very exhilarating, the company is so | The pain does its work and then it blithe, that some laugh, and some shout, and some sing, and some banter, and some tease a neighbor for a romantic ride along the edge of the woods in the chisel to complete the statue. Just an evantide, in a carriage that holds so many pangs to separate the soul but two, and some prophesy as to the from the body. You who have chronic others go into competition as to which shall rifle the most corn shocks before

After awhile the dinner horn sounds from the farm house, and the table is surrounded by a group of jolly and hungry men. From all the pantries and the cellars and the perches of fowl on the place the richest dainties come, and there is carnival and neighborhood reunion, and a scene which fills our memory, part with smiles, but more with tears, as we remember that the farm belongs now to other owners, Confident that he has discovered a and other hands gather in the fields, and many of those who mingled in that merry husking scene have themselves been reaped "like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season."

There is a difference of opinion as to whether the orientals knew anything about the corn as it stands in our fields; but recent discoveries have found out any reader of the BULLETIN who that the Hebrews knew all about Indian maize, for there have been grains Already this "new scientific course of medicine" of the corn picked up out of ancient crypts and exhumed from hiding places The Doctor considers it his religous duty—a duty where they were put down many cen-which he owes to humanity—to donate his infalli-turies ago, and they have been planted turies ago, and they have been planted corn just as you and I bound it, just as you and I threw it, just as you and I husked it. There may come some practical and useful and comforting lessons to all our souls while we think of coming in at last "like a shock of

> corn coming in in his season." It is high time that the King of Terrors were thrown out of the Christian vocabulary. A vast multitude of people talk of death as though it were the lisaster of disasters instead of being to a good man the blessing of blessings. fruitage. It is a change from bleak

We all know that husking time was is proof positive that there is some-Frost on the stubble. Frost on the would not have husked you.

ground. Frost on the bare branches of | The husking time was the time of the trees. Frost in the air Frosts on neighborhood reunion, and so Heaven the hands of the huskers. You remem- will be just that. There they come upl Discourse on the Harvest Time of ber we used to hide behind the corn They slept in the old village churchstacks so as to keep off the wind, but yard! There they come up! They restill you remember how shivering was clined amid the fountains and the the body and how painful was the sculpture and the parterres of a city

amid the shoutings of heavenly re- but they told you how sick you looked, union, and we will look back to all and they told you how many hard these distresses of bereavement only things they had heard about you, and as the temporary distresses of husking they told you how often they had to time. "Weeping may endure for a stand up for you in some battles, until night, but joy cometh in the morning." | you wished almost that they had been "Light, and but for a moment," said | slain in some of the battles. Good, "light, and but for a moment." The agreeables. Why do you wrench me? Ah! my Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and membrance of husking time. We friends, that is the way God has ar- thou shalt be saved. Through that waited for it as for a gala day of the ranged that the ear and the husk shall one gate of pardon and peace all the silvered everything through the night | soul's liberation. Every rheumatic | I remember that in the husking time sheeks. While the farmers were wait- peg. Every neuralgic twinge is only a among the neighbors. There at one for others they stood blowing their twist by the husker. There is gold in corn shock a farmer would be at work

You may have a new pain in an old The air is so tonic, the work is so place, but never the same pain twice. dies. Just so many plunges of the crowbar to free the quarry stone for the building. Just so many strokes of ailments and disorders are only paying in installments that which some us will have to pay in one payment when we pay the debt of nature. Thank God, therefore, ye who have chronic disorders, that you have so much less suffering at the last. Thank God that you will have so much less to feel in the way of pain at the hands of the heavenly husbandman when "the shock of corn cometh in in his season.' Perhaps now this may be an answer to a question which I asked one Sabbath morning, but did not answer: Why is it that so many really good people have so dreadfully to suffer? You often find a good man with enough pains and aches and distresses, you would think, to discipline a whole colony, while you will find a man who is perfectly useless going around with easy digestion and steady nerves and shining health, his exit from the world is comparatively painless. How do you explain that? Well, I noticed in the husking time that the husking peg was thrust into the corn and then there must be a stout pull before the swathing was taken off the car, and the full, round, healthy, luxuriant corn was developed; while on the other

hand there was corn that hardly seemed worth husking. We threw that into a place all by itself and we called "nubbins." Some of it was mildewed, and some of it was mice-nibbled, and some of it was great promise and no fulfillment. All cobs and no corn. Nubbins! After the good corn had been driven up to the barn we came around with the corn basket and we picked up these nubbins. They were worth saving. not worth much. So all around us there are people who amount to noth- prima donna received a letter from the ing. They develop into no kind of usefulness. They are nibbled on one jewels were to be out that night, and I side by the world, and nibbled on the came to take them at whatever hazard; It is moving out of a cold vestibule other side by the devil, and mildewed but when I heard you sing that nursinto a warm temple. It is migrating all over. Great promise and no fulfill- ery song, with which my mother so was burned Saturday, with a heavy serious for a few moments, but the or cotton. First class service. Traveling into groves of redolence and perpetual ment. All cobs and no corn. Nubbinst often sang me to sleep, I could not loss in logs and bark. About twenty prompt arrival of assistance from the They are worth saving. I suppose March to roseate June. It is a change many of them will get to Heaven, but of manacles for garlands. It is the they are not worthy to be mentioned able. Public patronage solicited, transmuting of the iron hand- in the day with those who went peril richer that those which lay upon working ontfits behind. There are revenue cutter Colfax. The Chase cuffs of earthly incarceration through great tribulation into the that table that night. They are the into the diamond wristlets of kingdom of our God. Who would not jewels of the immortal soul. Would a bridal party; or to use the suggestion rather have the pains of this life, the of my text, it is only husking time. It misfortunes of this life-who would the deserted nursery of your childhood, is the tearing off of the rough sheath not rather be torn, and wounded, and or some song rolling up out of the cornof the body that the bright and the lacerated, and wrenched, and husked, beautiful soul may go free. Coming in and at last go in amid the very best or forty years ago, might turn all our "like a shock of corn cometh in in his grain of the granary, than to be pro- feet out of the paths of sin into the season." Christ broke up a funeral nounced not worth husking at all? path of righteousness. Would God procession at the gate of Nain by mak- Nubbins! In other words, I want to that those memories wafted in on ng a resurrection day for a young man | say to you people who have distress of odor of song might start at this mocould break up your sadness and halt distress of all sorts, the Lord has not biessed place where so many of our the long funeral procession of the any grudge against you. It is not de- loved ones have already preceded us, world's grief by some cheering and rogatory, it is complimentary. "Whom cheerful view of the last transition. | the Lord loveth He chasteneth," and it season."

cheek, and how benumbed were the cemetery. There they come up! They hands. But after awhile the sun was went down when the ship foundered high up and all the frosts went out of off Cape Hatteras. They come up from the air, and hilarities awakened the all sides-from potter's field and out of echoes and joy from one corn shock the solid masonry of Westminster went up, "Ahn, aha!" and was an- abbey. They come up! They come swered by joy from another corn up! All the hinderances to their better shock, "Aha, aha!" nature husked off. All their physical So we all realize that the death of ailments husked off. All their hinour friends is the nipping of many ex- drances to usefulness husked off. The pectations, the freezing, the chilling, grain, the golden grain, the God-fashthe frosting of many of our hopes. It joned grain, visible and conspicuous. is far from being a south wind. It | Some of them on earth were such comes from the frigid north, and when | disagreeable Christians you could hardthey go away from us we stand be- ly stand in their presence. Now in numbed in body and benumbed in mind | Heaven they are so radiant you hardly and behambed in soul. We stand know them. The fact is, all their imamong our dead neighbors, our dead perfections have been husked off. families, and we say: "Will we ever They did not mean on earth to be disget over it?" Yes, we will get over it agreeable. They meant well enough,

the apostle as he clapped his hands, pious, consecrated, well-meaning dischill of the frosts followed by the There are monopolies on earth, mogladness that cometh in 'like as a nopolistic railroads, and monopolistic shock of corn cometh in in his season." | telegraph companies, and monopolistic Of course, the husking time made grain dealers, but no monopoly in rerough work with the ear of corn. The ligion. All who want to be saved may husking peg had to be thrust in and be saved, "without money and withthe hard thumb of the husker had to out price," Salvation by the Lord Jecome down on the swathing of the ear, sus Christ for all the people. Of and then there was a pull and a ruth- course, use common sense in this matless tearing and then a complete snap- ter. You can not expect to get to ping off before the corn was free, and | Charleston by taking ship for Portland, if the husk could have spoken it would and you can not expect to get to Heav-How vividly to all those of us who have said: "Why do you lacerate me? en by going in an opposite direction.

breath through their fingers, or thresh- you that must come out. Some way who owned 200 acres of ground. way the ship must be launched for at the next corn shock owned but 30 Roaring mirth greeted the late farmer heavenly voyage. You must let the acres of ground, and perhaps all covas he crawled over the fence. Joke heavenly husbandman husk off the ered by a mortgage. That evening, at the close of the husking day, one man drove home a roan span so frisky, so full of life, they got their feet over the traces. The other man walked home. difference in worldly mean; but I noticed at the husking time they all seemed to enjoy each other's society. They did not ask any man how much property he owned or what his education had been. They all seemed to be

happy together in those good times. And so it will be in Heaven. Our Father will gather His children around Him, and the neighbors will come in, and the past will be rehearsed. And some one will tell of victory, and we will all celebrate it. And some one will of great struggle, and we will all praise the grace that fetched him out of it. And some one will say: "Here is my old father that I put away with heartbreak. Just look at him, he is as young as any of us!" And some one will say: "Here is my darling child that I buried in Greenwood, and all the after years of my life were shadowed with desolation. Just look at her! She doesn't seem as is she had been sick a minute." Great sociality.

Great neighborhood kindness. I do not know how you are constituted, but I am so constituted that there is nothing that so awakens reminiscences in me as the odors of a cornfield when I cross it at this time of year, after the corn has been cut and t stands in the shocks. And so I have thought it might be practically useful for us to-day to cross the cornfield, and I have thought perhaps there might be some reminiscence roused in our soul that might be salutary and might be saving. In Sweden, a prima donna, while her home in residence, and she brought out her who wished to see them. One night, after displaying these jewels, and leaving them on the table, and all her friends had gone, and servants had gone - one summer nigh-she sat thinking and looking into a mirror just in front of her chair, when she saw in that mirror the face of a robber looking in but sat still, and, hardly knowing why she did so, she began to sing an old nursery song, her fears making the

pathos of the song more telling. Suddenly she noticed while looking at the mirror that the robber's face had gone from the window, and it did not come back. A few days after the robber, saying: "I heard that the stand it, and I fled, and I have resolved

upon a new and an honest life." Oh! my friends, there are jewels in God that some song rolling up out of fields, the song of the huskers twenty

Attempt to make reform a paying busia time of frost. Frost on the fence. thing valuable in you, or the Lord ness, and it ceases to be reform .- Atchisop

CHARLES A. DANA.

The Greatest Newspaper Editor Since Horace Greeley.

He Passed Away at Glen Cove, L. L. After an Illness of Several Months, During Which His Demise was Expected at Any Moment by His Family.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18 .- Charles A. Dana died at 1:20 yesterday afternoon at his home in Glen Cove.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18 .- Mr. Dana's death had been expected for several hours and his family and physicians were at his bedside when the end came. His condition had been such for several months that the members of his family had kept themselves in constant readiness to go to his bedside

at any moment. On Saturday morning he had a relapse, and it was apparent that recovery was impossible. Several times, however, he railied, but toward night began to sink. During the night there were feeble rallies, but they did not last long. Yesterday morning it was seen that the end was but a few hours off, and his attendants remained almost constantly at his bedside. The end came quietly.

The extreme heat of Saturday and Friday had much to do with hastening

On Friday Mr. Dana showed signs of distress, and everything possible was done to relieve him. He had been weakened by his long illness, and during-the summer was several times thought to be on the verge of a fatal collapse, but each time rallied. He did not improve much with the coming cooler weather, and the sinking spells became more frequent.

brough the keen morning air to the physical distresses when you know pernal society if I should reach it?" I and his sisters, Mrs. Draper, Mrs. Ungleeful company. The frosts which had that they are only forwarding the think you would. I know you would. derhill and Mrs. Branan, were at his home on Saturday morning and were began to melt off the top of the corn pain is only a plunge of the husking there was a great equality of feeling warned to remain there. They were at the bedside when death came.

MARVELOUS ENGINEERING FEAT A 242-Foot Iron Span Removed and Re-

placed with Steel in Two minutes and a In this space of time nearly 1,700 tons of iron and steel were moved a distance of 25 feet and there was not a

This remarkable feat of engineering was accomplished at what is known as the connecting railroad bridge over the Schuylkill, just above Girard avenue. It is the bridge that bears the tracks of the New York division on the Pennsylvania railroad. The time set for the replacement was 48 minutes intervening between the passage over the bridge of the Chestnut Hill accomodation train leaving Broad-street station at 2:47 p. m., and A work train crossed to the eastern

end of the bridge and stopped. The gangs of trackmen began to unspike the rails of the west-bound track on the old span. This done, the grapplers of the work train took hold of the ends of the rails, the engine started up and the entire length of rails, 243 feet, was snaked off in short order. Meanwhile four stationary engines,

one at each end and on a level with the bridge foundations and another at each end on scows securely moored at the base of the bridge piers, were putting and emphasizing their readiness for the work they had to do. There was said to be less than 100-horse power represented in these four engines, yet so well was everything arranged that they moved the leviathan without any apparent overthe city was being repaired, took a exertion. Then the signal was given house in the country for temporary for the little stationary engines to assert themselves. It seemed as if they great array of jewels to show a friend all started at the identical instant. It was like clockwork. As the edge of the old iron span began to show beyond the bridge piers, the crowds on the north of the river set up a shout, and as the breadth of the new steel span began to disappear behind the piers, the crowds on the southern coigne of vantage also joined in the cheer, and before the cheer had died away the at the window behind her and gazing at | mighty feat had been accomplished. those jewels. She was in great fright, In just 2 minutes and 32 seconds from the time of starting the engines the new span occupied the exact position from which the old one had been

LOGGING CAMPS BURNED.

Destroyed by Forest Fires-Narrow Escap of the Occupants-Outfits Abandoned. COUDERSPORT, Pa., Oct. 18 .- Destructive forest fires are raging in this section. Nelson run, seven miles from camps were burned. The occupan stock, leaving all household goods and to an anchorage in the stream by the other fires which, unless checked by will remain here until all danger of rain, will soon cause additional loss.

MURDERED BY A NEGRO. During the Attendant Excitement the Mur-

derer Escaped. FOND DU LAC, Wis., Oct. 18 .- John Beaman, aged 50, proprietor of the

Beaman house, was murdered at 3:45 dignation is felt-

POSTAL MATTERS.

Report of the Second Assistant Postmaster-General, Giving an Interesting Review of the Principal Developments in the Entire Postal Transportation Service of the United States and Connecting For-

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.-The annual report of W. S. Shallenberger, second telephone and telegraph assessment toassistant postmaster-general made pub- day. lie last night, gives an interesting review of the principal developments in the entire postal transportation ser-vice of the United States and connecting foreign mails. It shows an aggregate of appropriations for this large part of the postal service for the current year of \$51,041,238; the probable cent, more than for the fiscal year just

The estimate for the fiscal year 1899 than the estimated expenditure for the current year. The annual rate of expenditure for the inland mail service in the year just closed was \$49,862,074. and for foreign mail service \$1,791,170, after deducting \$258,029 for intermediary service to foreign countries. The summary of all classes of service in operation June 30 last follows:

Number of routes, 32,491; length of routes, 470,032 miles; annual rate of expenditures, \$49,862,074; number of miles traveled per annum, 420,850,479; rate of cost per mile traveled, 11.84 cents; rate of cost per mile of length, \$106.08; average number of trips per week, 8.60. For star mail service the estimate for the fiscal year ending June 50, 1899, is \$5,495,000. Last year there was an increase of 5,530,749 miles of travel in star service, so essential to rural dis-

A current year deficiency of \$30,000 is estimated for the steamboat mail service. The estimates for the fiscal year 1899 include steamboat service On Friday Mr. Dana was able to take \$470,000, mail messenger service, \$950,only the lightest nourishment and | 000; transportation by pneumatic tubes this condition continued. Paul Dana or other similar devices, by purchase or \$780,000.

Last year there was only one pneumatic postal tube in operation in the country, that in Philadelphia. Since then four more contracts have been executed in Philadelphia, New York, Boston and between New York and Brooklyn. Concerning this new postal feature, Gen. Shallenberger reports:

"It is quite possible to carry second, third and fourth-class matter, as well replacing an iron bridge span 242 feet as first, when it can be made profitlong, 25 feet wide and 30 feet depth, able. Extension to stations several three wounded men will die. The with one of the same dimensions of miles distant from the main office steel was accomplished in this city eventually will save clerical force as leave the county on several occasions, yssterday in 2 minutes and 32 seconds. well as expedite delivery in distant cities from 12 to 24 hours.

The most important source of revenue to the department will be the slip or a hitch in the entire proceed- large increase of local correspondence and special delivery letters. The extension of the tubular system will be necessarily slow and probably con-

fined to populous centers. The amount reported withheld from the Pacific railroads on account of likely that the recent decision of Judge transportation is \$1,312,023; estimate for railroad transportation for the fiseal year 1899 is \$30,350,000. No estimate for special fast mail service is submitted, as it is stated the service in general will be better if the special facility appropriation is discontinued. The estimate for electric and cable car service is \$35,000, and 130 applications for establishment of new service of field, a dealer in tobacco, sold one of this character are on file.

an estimate of \$1,901,260 for transpor- habeas corpus was granted by United tation and \$147,000 for balances due States Judge Clark, and Blaufield was foreign countries. The aggregate cost released pending the hearing of the of this service was \$2,049,199, including case at Chattanooga on the 30th of this \$1,106,276 for transatlantic and \$179,132 month. for transpacific service.

The report takes an important position as to newspaper mail, and a plan to make the profits on short hauls off-

seems to be no good reason why the great bulk of legitimate newspapers loss to remote places should be permitted to be taken away from the mails by railroad and express companies whenever there is a short haul that would make the carriage of them profitable to the government. The carriage of newspapers, packages, etc., by railroads and express companies may have been justified perhaps, years ago, when the railway mail service was less efficient. But matter that has been for years withheld from the mails and sent in baggage cars and special express trains."

NARROW ESCAPE

The United States Revenue Cutter Salmon P. Chase on Cumming Point Shoals.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Oct. 18 .- The United States revenue practice ship Salmon P. Chase came into Charleston harbor early yesterday morning, after an exciting incident just off Fort Sum. ter. The vessel failing to mark all buoys, went aground on Cumming leity averted trouble. The Chase was had barely time to escape with their pulled off by the tug Ceclia and towed yellow fever is past in Florida.

KENNEDY ACQUITTED.

Alleged Blue Cut Train Robber Discharged at Kausas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 18 .- John F. Kennedy, who has been on trial in the criminal court for the past week o'clock yesterday morning by William | charged with being the leader of the and his mother. And I would that I body, and distress in business, and ment with swift feet toward that Payne, colored, in the presence of several Chicago & Alton passenger train robwhite men in the hotel bar. Payne wat bery at Blue Cut, in December last, intoxicated. He escaped during the ex- was acquitted yesterday. Nine ballots "as a shock of corn cometh in in his citement. Severa hundred men or- were taken. The first resulted 8 to 4 ganized in squads and are scouring the for acquittal. The verdict was reached country. Two hundred dollars reward at 11:30 Saturday night, but was not prices should decline, they at once reis offered for Payne's arrest, Great in delivered to Judge Wofford till 10:34 yesterday morning.

TENNESSEE STATE NEWS

State Board of Equalizers. Nashville, Oct. 15 .- The State board of equalizers, composed of Governor Taylor, Secretary of State Morgan and Treasurer Craig, took up the railroad,

The first matter considered was the reading of an application from a number of corporations for a hearing before the board should pass an assessment. The a __ication was dated Oct. 13.

The point is made that even had the records been in the hands of the board deficiency is \$500,000, making the esti- on the date the application was written. mated expenditures this year \$51,541,- the board would not have time in which 238. This will be \$1,623,045, or 3 1/4 per to do their work carefully and considerately, if it complied with the letter of the statute and returned the certified records to the comptroller on or before is \$53,237,260, which is \$1,796,021 more the third Monday in October, which is Monday next. The matter was submitted to Attorney-General Pickle, and he decided that the law was only directory, and that the board had a right to extend the time for hearings if it so desired. Secretary Morgan was directed to notify companies, and tonight this telegram went to representatives of every corporation assessed:

"The assessment of your property has been filed with the board of equalizers and will be taken up and disposed of on or before the 18th instant unless you shall notify us in the meantime of your desire for a special hearing before the board. In that event we will fix a date and notify you. W. S. Morgan, "Secretary of State."

It is expected that all railroads, telegraph and telephone companies will make this special application.

Bad State of Affairs in Carroll County. Lavina, Carroll county, or near that point, was the battleground one night last week for warring factions, and one dead and probably four fatally wounded is the result. A large party of whitecaps went to the home of Dot Price, a negro, and riddled the doors and windows of his cabin with bullets, breaking his arm. The negro, with his arm dangling by his side, reached the window and fired repeatedly into the crowd, groans and yells testifying to his deadly aim. The morning sun disclosed a horrible sight. William Sires, a white man, was lying dead in a pool of blood, surrounded by four companions, dying from hideous wounds. The bodies were soon spirited away, but it is said that whitecaps have notified the negroes to and swear to exterminate them on refusing to leave. Sires was literally shot to pieces and must have died instantly.

The Cigarette Law.

A test case has been commenced at Knoxville, at the instance of the Amercan Tobacco Company, to again test the cigarette law of this State. It is Lurton will be abandoned by the tobacco trust at Nashville, as the case only covered a small part of the question involved. The trust shipped to Knoxville a packing box full of the small packages of cigarettes that sell for 10 cents, on which there was affixed the internal revenue stamp. J. Blauthe small packages of cigarettes from As to foreign mails the report makes the box and was arrested. A writ of

The Centennial Will Close October 30. Much discussion has sprung up as to whether the Tennessee Centennial will be continued beyond October 30. Pres-Gen. Shallenberger says: "There ident Thomas has set all doubts at rest by stating that the gates will positively close October 30, to open no more. carried by the government, at a great | This action, he says, is taken because of legal points involved, and because he knows the great enterprise can close October 30, a financial success, while to continue an unscheduled month would drag things out and naturally make the ultimate result doubtful.

The Railroad Company Answers. The Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway has filed its answer with with our present facilities, and such as the railroad commission to the commay be easily obtained, I am convinced plaint of T. Leigh Thompson et al., that the department can and should charging discrimination in passenger carry the great bulk of newspaper rates. The company admits that it charges 4 cents per mile between Columbia and Fayetteville and 3 cents from Fayetteville to Dechard, on the same line, but explains that the line from Columbia to Favetteville is the most expensive line of its system, because of grades and curves.

> Heavy Rain at Parsons. The section of country around Parsons was visited by a heavy rain last week, it being the first since July 10. The rain came too late to help crops any. Crops are very poor. There will

> A Pharmacy Appointment. B. H. Owen of Clarksville has been appointed a member of the State board of pharmacy by Gov. Taylor, to succeed R. H. Gordon, resigned.

> > Strike Settled.

The Soddy miners, who went on a strike last week have returned to work, and the strike is settled for the present at least. The men held a conference with the operators and stated that they wanted an advance per ton; that the advance in the price and the present demand for the product of the mine justified their demand. After some parleying the request of the men was complied with, and, with the understanding that wages are to be reduced if sumed their work. Nearly 700 men are affected by the settlement.